

# CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2019
Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services
1100 4th Street, S.W. – 7th Floor Conference Room
Washington, DC 20024
10:30 am—12:30 pm

Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Board Staff Present	Other Persons Present
Jill Stern, Chair	Chris Bailey		Raj Setty
Marc Fetterman, Vice Chair	Armando Lourenco		Kirsten Williams, AOBA (by phone)
Matthew Borger			
Joel Causey (by phone)			
David Epley			
Tony Falwell			
Kellie Farster			
Casey Studhalter			
Garret Whitescarver			

### 1. Preliminary Matters

#### i Call to Order and Roll Call

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Jill Stern, Chair, at 10:42 am with a roll call of members and other persons present. Jill Stern welcomed Raj Setty, and advised the Board that he is a potential candidate to replace Armando Lourenco in the mechanical engineering seat, since Armando has not indicated any interest in continuing as a Board member given his extensive travel schedule and inability to participate in Board meetings.

#### ii Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved upon motion made by Kellie Farster and seconded by Jason Wright.

#### iii Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the Thursday, October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon motion made by Kellie Farster and seconded by Tony Falwell.

#### 2. Status of 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes

Jill Stern advised the Board that OAG's legal sufficiency review of the Council Approval Resolution Package for the 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes has been completed, and the package was sent to the Mayor's Office (OPLA)



on November 15, 2019. No word has been received on when OPLA review will be completed. Given the delay, Jill Stern told the Board that adoption of the new rules will be delayed because the 45-day Council review period will not commence until the package is transmitted to Council.

Garret Whitescarver reported that DCRA is still working to identify funding for integration and online posting of the 2017 Construction Codes after adoption. He suggested that Jill Stern meet with the DCRA Deputy Director to confirm funding availability for the ICC publication and posting of the integrated codes. It was suggested that FEMS should fund the publication and posting of the DC Fire Code.

#### 3. Introduction of New Code Change Proposals

No new code change proposals were introduced.

### 4. Consideration of Previously Introduced Code Change Proposals

The following actions were taken by the Board. All actions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Building Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
BC-AE-1-1-17	102.1.1	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Causey (S)
BC-AE-1-2-17	106.2.18.3.1.1	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Farster (S)
BC-AE-1-3-19	108.3	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Wright (S)
BC-AE-1-4-17	109.1.4	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Wright (S)
BC-AE-32-1-17	3202.4.1.1.1(1)	10.17.19	Board recommended that DDOT and OP be consulted for revised language to better address public comments	Disapproved Fetterman (M) Causey (S)
Existing Building Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
ExBC-EB-9-1-17	909.1	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Whitescarver (S)
Fire Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
FC-CCCB-1-1-17	102.10	10.17.19	Referred to Fire TAG	Approved Fetterman (M)



				Falwell(S)
FC-CCCB-9-1-17	906.1	10.17.19	Referred to Fire TAG	Deferred
Property Maintenance Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
PMC-CCCB-1-1-17	102.1	10.17.19	Referred to PMC TAG	Approved Whitescarver (M) Falwell (S)
PMC-CCCB-3-1-17	310.7	10.17.19	Referred to PMC TAG	Approved (w/ revision) Fetterman (M) Epley (S)
PMC-CCCB-6-1-17	605.4	10.17.19	Referred to PMC TAG	Approved (w/ revision) Whitescarver (M) Borger (S)
Plumbing Code	Section		Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
PC-M-13-1-17	1301 and 1303	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Studhalter (S)
Residential Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
RC-M-3-1-17	R303.4	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Whitescarver (S)
RC-M-29-1-17	P2910, P2911, P2912	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Studhalter (S)
Mechanical Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
MechC-M-4-1-17	401.2(3)	10.17.19		Approved Fetterman (M) Whitescarver (S)
Electrical Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
ElecC-CCCB- 4-1-17	Article 408.3	10.17.19	Referred to Electrical TAG	Approved (w/ revision) Whitescarver (M) Borger (S)
ElecC-CCCB- 6-1-17	Article 690	10.17.19	Referred to Electrical TAG	Deferred
Energy Code-Residential	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 11.21.19
ECC[RE]-CCCB-4-1-17	Table R405.5	10.17.19		Approved Epley (M) Studhalter (S)



Following approval of the code change proposals, Jill Stern indicated that she would prepare a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking incorporating the proposed amendments for review at the Board's January 2020 meeting.

#### 5. Other Matters

The Board discussed DCRA funding issues relating to the next code development cycle, and to online publication of integrated 2015 model/2017 DC Supplement codes. At the suggestion of Garret Whitescarver, Jill Stern agreed to follow up with the DCRA Deputy Director to confirm availability of funds.

Jill Stern advised the Board that she had spoken with DCRA's legislative team about the possibility of CCCB testimony at the agency's budget hearing in May 2020 to discuss funding for code development activities. Kirsten Williams of AOBA suggested that it might be appropriate for the CCCB to provide testimony at the agency's performance oversight discussion in January 2020, or alternatively AOBA would be willing to express its concern about the lengthy process of code adoption in the District of Columbia and its effect on stakeholders. The Board briefly discussed the propriety of participating in DCRA's performance oversight discussions, since the Board is created by Mayoral Order although DCRA is tasked with providing administrative support to the Board. Jill Stern said she would follow up with DCRA and with Kirsten Williams to determine what would be most effective strategy in achieving a more robust code development function at DCRA.

The Board unanimously approved the following Regular Meeting Schedule for 2020 upon motion made by David Epley and seconded by Casey Studhalter.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 Thursday, February 20, 2020 Thursday, March 19, 2020 Thursday, April 16, 2020 Thursday, May 21, 2020 Thursday, June 18, 2020 Thursday, July 16, 2020 Thursday, August 20, 2020 Thursday, September 17, 2020 Thursday, October 15, 2020 Thursday, November 19, 2020 Thursday, December 17, 2020

In light of the winter holidays, it was agreed that the December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting would be cancelled.

### 6. Comments by Members of the Public

Except for comments by Raj Setty and Kirsten Williams, as noted above, no members of the public participated in the meeting.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2020.